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1. The canal from Leningrad (N 59-55, E 30-15) to Lake Onega (N 61-30, E 35-00) is being dug deeper, and cement sides are being installed in places where wood has been used. The canal eventually will be able to take vessels up to 4,000 DWT. At present, a fully loaded ship of 2,800 DWT can use the canal between Leningrad and Petrozavodsk (N 61-49, E 34-30), and can continue to the White Sea in ballast. When work on the canal is completed, a ship of this size will be able to proceed from Leningrad to the White Sea with full load.
2. The Soviet merchant ships URITSKIY and VERESAYEV are regularly used in traffic between Leningrad and Petrozavodsk.

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